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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Attorney General of my ardent support for the antitrust settlement against Microsoft. Three years have passed since the inception of this legal dispute. Over these years, countless federal resources have been squandered over the issue. An issue that, in my opinion, should never have been an issue in the first place. The government need not have the authority to persecute successful companies. It adds insult to injury when taxpayer dollars are wasted in the process.

Further, Microsoft has made many concessions during the process. Microsoft is willing under the terms of the settlement to disclose protocols and design interfaces that are internal to the Windows system. This allows competing developers to design new software that are increasingly compatible with the Microsoft system. In addition, Microsoft has agreed to license the Windows system at the same price to many computer manufacturers. Obviously Microsoft is willing to make concessions in order to resolve this issue.

I believe the Attorney General should echo these sentiments with a hasty enactment of the settlement.

Sincerely,



Barbara Brownstein